

REMARKS

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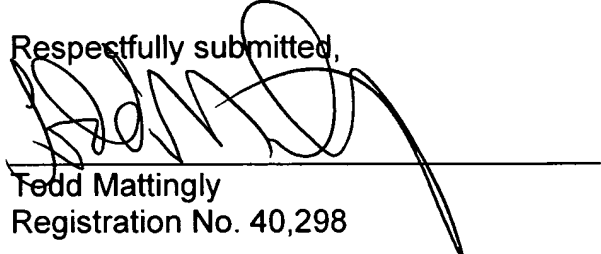
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Therefore, claims 5 and 9-12 are not obvious in view of Lawrence, Winch and Mechanic '682.

Conclusion

In summary, for reasons detailed above, it is submitted the claims now present in the application are allowable. Accordingly, allowance of all claims is submitted to be in order, and such action is respectfully requested. Applicants request early notice if there are any outstanding issues that have not been addressed in this response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred in this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0259. Should the Examiner have any inquiries concerning this matter, please direct telephone calls to the undersigned at (713) 221-1377.

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